

NRO review(s) completed.



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Killian, Ch/PFIAB to Pres. Kennedy

Before mtg with Pres on 26 June 1962, as an outgrowth of meeting of 11-12 May, feel it important to comment on impact of current and future discussions bearing on provision of information concerning satellite launchings to the UN and its Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. Trend of these discussions may pose serious problems for the US in the conduct of its satellite intelligence-reconnaissance activities and create difficult and embarrassing situations.

In view of the collection of information highly crucial to the national security by these US operations, the Board urges care be exercised to insure our control of the development of space capabilities for natl defense and natl intel purposes is not foreclosed diminished or compromised in any way. Should internatl agreements prohibiting the use of outer space for military purposes preclude continuance of our highly effective satellite intelligence-reconnaissance activities, the US unlike the SU, would stand to lose a crucially needed collection capability.

Board recommended the President review US policy and approve a position to be taken by the US. (Currently contending points of view between full revelation and complete secrecy.)

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McCone on 12 May 62 wrote McLean Kennedy, suggesting the same.
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